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SUBJ: YOUR CONVERSATION WITH SAHEL COORDINATOR DAKOURE

REF: PARIS 19329, OUAGADOUGOU 1326, 1366, 1382, AND 1383

FOR WILLIAMS: PRESIDENT'S COORDINATOR FOR SAHEL DROUGHT RELIEF

1. OUAGADOUGOU REFTELS, PARTICULARLY 1382, PROVIDE FULLEST PICTURE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE OBTAIN HERE CONCERNING CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN SAHEL DROUGHT DRAMA. A QUICK REVIEW OF THESE MESSAGES SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN PREPARING YOU FOR CONVERSATION WITH DAKOURE. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS AND TALKING POINTS MAY BE ALSO USEFUL.

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2. BELIEVE YOUR BASIC POSTURE SHOULD BE MORE THAT OF

ELICITING INFORMATION FROM DAKOURE RATHER THAN THAT OF INFORMING HIM OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE OR CAN DO. ALTHOUGH YOU MAY WISH TO RETOUCH IT LIGHTLY, HE DOES NOT NEED LENGTHY REMINDER OF EXTENT OF US ASSISTANCE TO DATE TO SAHEL DROUGHT OR OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR GENEVA PLEDGE TO ASSIST THE MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM EFFORT. ON OTHER HAND, HE MAY WELL TAKE OCCASION TO REMIND YOU OF QUESTION HE PUT TO DON BROWN AT FINAL SESSION OF GENEVA MEETING, I.E., WHO IS IT THAT DECIDES WHETHER SAHEL AID PROPOSALS ARE SUFFICIENTLY MERITORIOUS TO QUALIFY FOR DONOR FINANCING. HE CAN BE EXPECTED MAINTAIN THAT THIS IS THE ROLE OF THE PERMANENT INTERSTATE COMMITTEE. YOU WILL KNOW HOW TO FIELD THIS ONE IF HE PULLS IT.

3/ YOU CANNOT EXPECT DAKOURE TO BE WELL INFORMED ON STATUS OF EMERGENCY RELIEF EFFORT. LAST TIME FAO TEAM LEADER MENSAH BRIEFED HIM WAS TWO WEEKS AGO BY TELEX. AS FOR TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS HE MAY HAVE HAD WITH GOVERNMENT COLLEAGUES, MOST DIPLOMATS IN OUAGADOUGOU ARE BETTER INFORMED ON THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY EFFORT THAN IS THE GOUV AND SOME OF US KNOW AS MUCH OR MORE ABOUT THE VOLTAN INTERIOR EMERGENCY SITUATION. ON MEDIUM AND LONG TERM QUESTIONS, HOWEVER, BELIEVE HE OWES YOU ANSWERS, HOWEVER TENTATIVE, TO SUCH QUESTIONS AS THE FOLLOWING:

A) WHAT ARE HIS PLANS FOR THE INTERSTATE COMMITTEE? OF WHOM DOES (OR WILL) IT CONSIST? WHAT DOES "PERMANET" MEAN? WILL IT MEET REGULARLY? DOES HE PLAN TO ATTACH ANY NON-AFRICAN EXPERTISE TO IT, WHAT IS THE ROLE OF DR. IBRAHIMA KONATE, MALIAN RECENTLY ASSIGNED TO OUAGADOUGOU CONSEILLER TO THE COMMITTEE?

B) IS THERE ANY IDENTIFIABLE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN THE FAO'S CURRENT ROLE OF COORDINATING THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM: AND THE ROLE OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR MEDIUM-TERM ACTIVITIES. BRAD MORSE TOLD THE GENEVA MEETING THAT THE FAO ROLE COULD WELL MAINTAIN ITSELF FOR "EMERGENCY" ACTIONS EXTENDING OVER A YEAR OR MORE.
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C) HOW WOULD HE HOPE TO USE THE UN OFFICE THAT MORSE PLANS TO ESTABLISH IN OUAGADOUGOU FOR LIAISON BETWEEN THE

PERMANENT COMMITTEE AND THE UN TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK? THIS LATTER COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AS "TEMPORARY." HOW LONG DOES DAKOURE BELIEVE IT WILL BE USEFUL? WHAT WILL IT DO? HOW DOES HE DECIDE WHETHER TO GO TO THE

MORSE COMMITTEE OR WHETHER TO GO DIRECTLY TO A BILATERAL DONOR WITH A GIVEN AID PROPOSAL FROM THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE?

B) DOES HE FORESEE ANY ROLE FOR THE OAU VIS A VIS THE MEDIUM AND LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM?

E) DOES HE ANTICIPATE THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN MEDIUM-TERM PROJECTS AND LONG-TERM PROJECTS? HAS HE IDENTIFIED ANY SUCH DISTINCTION ON MORSE'S PART? DOES IT MATTER? HOW ABOUT LONG-TERM PROJECTS THAT CONTAIN IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS NOR NEARBY COUNTRIES? IN FACT, CAN THE LONG TERM REALLY EFFECTIVELY BE DISCUSSED WITHOUT PARTICIPATION AND INPUT FROM OTHERS THAN THE SIX IMMEDIATELY AFFECTED STATES?

4. DAKOURE AND MENSAH HAVE BOTH RAISED WITH ME ON SEPARATE OCCASIONS THEIR BELIEF THAT THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE'S WORK COULD BE MUCH FACILITATED IF DONOR-COUNTRY AMBASSADORS RESIDENT IN OUAGADOUGOU COULD BE AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THEIR SAHELIAN COLLEAGUES

IN ACCEPTING COMMITTEE PROPOSALS AFFECTING OTHER SAHEL STATES THAN UPPER VOLTA. HAS NEVER BEEN QUITE CLEAR TO ME JUST WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT. I HAVE REPLIED THAT GENERALLY SPEAKING I COULD NEITHER COMMIT MY FELLOW AMBASSADORS NOR AID WITHOUT CONSULTATION AND/OR SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION. YOU CAN PARRY THIS WITHOUT GUIDANCE FROM HERE IN EVENT DAKOURE RAISES IT WITH YOU.

5. IN EVENT HE SHOULD PRESS YOU FOR US AIRLIFT, SEE PARAGRAPH TWO OF OUAGADOUGOU 1382.

6. PRESUMABLY DAKOURE WILL HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAS JUST LOST SOME OF HIS WORK LOAD. VOLTAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS JUST APPROVED SWITCH OF PLAN MINISTRY TO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, WITH HAUT COMMISSAIRE OF SOME SORT OF PLANNING SOON TO BE ESTABLISHED. INDUSTRY AND MINES PORTION OF OLD PLAN MINISTRY GOES TO PAULIN BATIENON IN NEW MINISTRY. BATIENON CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF CABINET IN PLAN MINISTRY. THUS DAKOURE NO LONGER REQUIRED WEAR PLANNING HAT ALONG WITH AGRICULTURE, WATERS, FORESTS, LIVESTOCK AND TOURISM, PLUS SAHEL RELIEF COORDINATION.

7. IF DAKOURE DOES NOT ALREADY KNOW ABOUT SAM ADAMS PROPOSED VISIT TO SAHEL IN AUGUST, YOU MAY WISH TO TELL HIM.

8. GOOD LUCK. WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOUR REPORT WITH

INTEREST, AND WILL WELCOME YOUR VISIT WHENEVER YOU CAN
COME.
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